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Academic Forgiveness Policy

The Missouri University of Science and Technology has an academic forgiveness policy to enable those students who did not perform adequately in their undergraduate enrollment at Missouri S&T to be given a second chance to pursue their undergraduate academic goals. Students returning to Missouri S&T to pursue an undergraduate degree after an extended absence may request permission to remove one academic term from future degree and GPA considerations. Academic forgiveness is a policy of Missouri University of Science and Technology and as such may not be recognized by outside institutions or agencies.

Eligibility

To be eligible for academic forgiveness consideration, students must meet these requirements:

- Students must have not been enrolled as degree-seeking at Missouri University of Science and Technology or any other University of Missouri System campus for **four** or more consecutive years.
- Students must not have graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology.
- Students must be admitted as degree-seeking and have earned a minimum of 12.0 credits hours with at least a 2.5 GPA of record for those hours at Missouri University of Science and Technology within the past 12 months.

Conditions

Academic forgiveness is based on the following conditions:

- All courses and credits taken during the chosen term will be removed from consideration for GPA and degree requirements. Students may not combine individual courses from multiple terms to compose the semester dropped.
- All courses and grades for the chosen term will remain on the student's academic record with a notation showing that those hours and grades will not count toward cumulative hours, nor GPA, nor can they be used to fulfill any degree requirements.
- Forgiveness may be applied only to an academic term completed prior to the student's extended absence.
- Students may only be granted academic forgiveness once.
- Degree requirements met during the dropped term must be repeated.
- To be eligible for a degree, students must complete a minimum of 24 credits at Missouri University of Science and Technology after readmission.
- Academic forgiveness only applies to Missouri University of Science and Technology undergraduate courses and is not applicable to transfer work or graduate work.
- Only students who are readmitted to a degree program at the undergraduate level at Missouri University of Science and Technology are eligible to apply for forgiveness.
- Academic Forgiveness must be approved by the primary academic department on a case-by-case basis.

Procedures

- Students should discuss their desire to pursue academic forgiveness with an academic advisor in the primary department to which they have been admitted.
- Students should submit an Application for Academic Forgiveness form to the Registrar's Office.
- For the term approved for academic forgiveness, a note will appear on the transcript.